

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the Office Action and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All of the claims are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 8, 10, 12, 19 and 22 are objected to because formalities. Claims 8, 10, 12, 19 and 22 have been amended to address the objections. Applicants respectfully submit that the objections have been overcome and request that the objections be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 5 and 24 to address this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 25-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,406,634 to Anderson et al. (“Anderson”). Applicants respectfully traverse. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended independent claim 25 to recite a programmable speaker amplifier control system comprising “source means for providing

an electronic audio signal; noise immunity increasing means for increasing noise immunity of the programmable speaker amplifier control system;...and outputting means in communication with the command execution facility that is initialized and configured by the configuring means” and amended independent claim 28 to recite a process for configuring a speaker amplifier system comprising “increasing a noise immunity of the speaker amplifier system.” Anderson does not appear to teach or suggest such a system or process. In particular, Anderson does not appear to disclose a noise immunity increasing means for increasing noise immunity of the programmable speaker amplifier control system and increasing a noise immunity of the system as claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 25 and 28 are allowable and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 26, 27, 29, and 30 ultimately depend from at least one of independent claims 25 and 28. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-13 and 15-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,870,936 to Ajamian (“Ajamian”). Applicants respectfully traverse. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 6 to recite a master system panel comprising “a signal source, wherein the signal source comprises a computer and a differential transceiver.” Neither Anderson nor Ajamian appear to disclose such a master system panel. Nowhere does either

Anderson or Ajamian teach or suggest a signal source comprising at least a differential transceiver. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 6 are allowable and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5, 7-13, and 15-24 ultimately depend from at least one of independent claims 1 and 6. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson in view of Ajamian and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,232 to Strohbeck *et al.* ("Strohbeck"). Applicants respectfully traverse. Claim 14 depends from independent claim 6. Therefore, claim 14 is also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

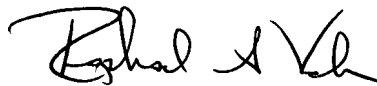
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 87321.1680.

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